

## Meet Our Committee Member: *Eli Florence*

The Capital Campaign Committee plays an important role in the success of the Changing Lives- Building a Community Campaign. By working as ambassadors and sharing our mission with colleagues and friends, Committee members broaden our circle of support to make the Campaign successful.

We are so fortunate that Eli Florence is a member of this Committee, carrying on the legacy of his late uncle Lenny Florence, one of Cushing's greatest supporters for over 40 years. Eli learned about Cushing's work through the fundraising events hosted by his uncle. Those events allowed him to learn more about the important services Cushing offers to help people with intellectual disabilities reach their full potential. When he was asked to join the Campaign Committee, Eli did not hesitate. Through his participation he has had the opportunity to visit Cushing numerous times and see the mission at work.

Eli and his wife Donna have made a donation to the Campaign as have his children Kayla and David. He is proud to pass his commitment to Cushing on to his children who are equally moved by Cushing's good work and are becoming more involved as donors and volunteers.

Lenny Florence often reminded others "To whom much is given, much is expected." He was a philanthropist who was driven to help as many people as he could. The Cardinal Cushing Centers had a special place in his heart. Eli says, "I now know why Lenny was committed to help and I am hooked on the Cardinal's vision and the organization's mission."



## Meet Who We Support

Hard work. Learning new skills. Giving back. These are all important parts of Amy Slater's week. Whether she is earning a paycheck, participating in a culinary arts program or volunteering, Amy's schedule is filled with activities that make her happy and keep her motivated.

Through Cushing's South Shore Industries program Amy was hired and began working at the Tedeschi's Food Shops in Quincy just over one year ago. She works in the deli department helping prepare and package various food items. Her coworkers give nothing but positive reports about her. In a performance review completed by one of Amy's supervisors a few months ago, the supervisor commented that "Amy is very positive, has a great attitude, and is always smiling. She reminds me how much she loves working here, and is a great addition to the team!!" Amy loves her new job, and a few months back was even offered an increase in hours because of how well she was doing.

Always looking to increase her skills and knowledge, Amy is participating in Cushing's new Pathways to Employment culinary training program funded by BNY Mellon/Harriet B. Bayley Trust. She attends classes twice each week and learns different cooking skills to increase her qualifications for future jobs. She has made eggs, soups and her favorite so far...chocolate chip cookies! This training will help prepare Amy for future employment opportunities.

When not working or at class, Amy spends time giving back to the community. She volunteers at South Shore Hospital every Friday and brings joy to the elderly through the Meals on Wheels program.

Amy's parents Barbara and Richard Slater tell us, "We are thrilled with what the school has taught Amy. She is enjoying every part of the program and couldn't be happier...and that makes us happy."



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## A Message from our Campaign Chair, Jody Nash

Dear Friends,

I hope you enjoy reading our second edition of the Changing Lives-Building a Community Capital Campaign Update. We have so much to share! It has been a busy six months since our last update.

We are excited to announce that Hingham resident Sara Warwick has joined our Capital Campaign Committee. Sara brings a passion for our mission and a strong marketing background. In the short time she has been with us she has already shared some great ideas.



Cushing's two signature golf tournaments took place this Fall. The St. Coletta Classic, sponsored by Rockland Trust, and the Cardinal Cushing Centers Classic, sponsored by Overseer Ted English allowed us to spend time with many local business leaders sharing information about the Campaign and our plans for the future. I had the opportunity to speak to both groups about the Campaign and what it means not only for the future of Cushing's students, but for the South Shore community overall.

Two of Cushing's closest friends hosted cultivation events to help us broaden the circle of people who know about our work. Charlie and Sandy Drea of Conway Insurance opened up their offices and invited business colleagues and fellow Rotarians to hear about our plans. Committee member Nancy King and her husband John opened up their home and invited friends and parents of children with special needs so they could learn about what opportunities lie ahead in the future.

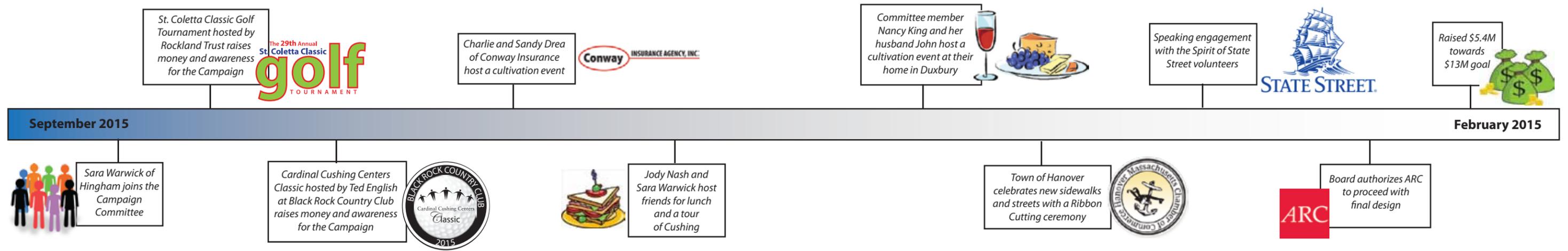
Finally, I was happy to host a group of my friends for lunch and a tour of Cushing's Hanover community. This is my favorite way to introduce others to Cushing's great work. Friends know that our daughter Sophie lives at Cardinal Cushing Centers and that she is very happy. When they get to visit and see Cushing's mission at work first hand, they understand why Tim and I are so proud to support this organization. If you would like to host a similar event for your friends, please let us know.

As you will read in the pages ahead, plans for the building continue to move forward. We have great supporters and great committee members and our success stories are plentiful.

Thank you for your interest in Changing Lives and Building a Community at Cardinal Cushing Centers.

Warmly,  
Jody Nash

# Timeline to Success



## Campaign Progress

The Cardinal Cushing Centers' Changing Lives-Building a Community Campaign continues to move forward and progress. We are pleased to report that we have exceeded our year one goal. To date we have raised \$5.4m of our \$13m total and expect more commitments will be made in the months ahead from individuals as well as corporations and foundations.

We have contracted with Architectural Resources Cambridge (ARC) to prepare the schematic and design documents for the building. A Building Committee is being formed and will serve as an important resource as the project continues.

Our Vocational Inclusion Pathways program, which will be housed in the new building continues to grow and thrive. This student focused model for career development fosters worksite partnerships in the community while also providing classroom and hands-on training at Cardinal Cushing Centers. Students are gaining valuable skills to prepare them for success after graduation.

## Meet Our Supporters

Throughout the lifespan of any great non-profit organization there will be times of need, times where we have to reach out to our close friends and supporters and ask for their help.

Cushing parents Ted and Maureen English are the best kinds of supporters. We don't need to reach out and ask for their help because they are simply always there for us.

Ted and Maureen's daughter, Kathleen English, is currently enrolled in two of Cushing's programs for adults. Ted, President & CEO of Bob's Discount Furniture, also serves on our Board of Overseers.

When Ted and Maureen realized that our residential homes for students were in need of new furniture, they did not hesitate to fill our needs and then some, providing us with \$60,000 of furnishings for 11 of our homes. Couches, rugs, paintings, entertainment centers, coffee tables, end tables and dining room furniture were supplied, along with a representative from Bob's to put all the pieces together.

Ted and Maureen never miss an opportunity to give and are dedicated supporters of our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Auction, *Springtime Gala* and the St. Coletta Classic golf tournament.

For nine years the English Family, along with Bob's Discount Furniture, has been the lead sponsor and driving force behind The Cardinal Cushing Classic golf tournament at Black Rock Country Club. Over the next five years, funds raised from this event will help us reach our capital campaign goal of \$13 million.

Even though their tournament is supporting our vision for the future, Ted and Maureen have also made a multi-year, lead gift to our Changing Lives – Building a Community Capital Campaign. We are forever grateful for their continued and ongoing support of our work.

